



Fellow for Indigenous Leadership and Emerging Leaders award winners Nathan Lovett-Murray, Jody Saxton-Barney and Ian Anderson. Photo: Kelli Morris.

## New crop of Victorian leaders are honoured

The 2011 winners of the Victorian Fellowship for Indigenous Leadership awards demonstrated the strength and diversity of Indigenous talent as well as challenging stereotypes according to the chair of Fellowship advisory committee.

Melbourne doctor and pioneering academic, Professor Ian Anderson, footballer, Nathan Lovett-Murray and disability advocate, Jody Saxton-Barney, were all recognised at an awards presentation featuring new Victorian Aboriginal Affairs Minister, Jeanette Powell and an audience of community leaders spanning the worlds of justice, education, community, sport, business, philanthropy and government.

"It's an honour to be able to play a small part in promoting and furthering the work of another inspiring group of Aboriginal Victorians and I'm confident this recognition will help all them to achieve better outcomes for their communities and for all Victorians," Advisory Committee Chair, Maree Davidson said.

Professor Anderson was made a leadership fellow and awarded \$70,000 per year for the next three to five years so he can further his work in health and social research and support communities in a practical way as a result.

He is also keen to assist more Indigenous

young people to pursue tertiary studies.

The two Emerging Leaders were each awarded \$30,000 to undertake a project within the next twelve months.

Jody Saxton-Barney is a hearing impaired disability advocate from Shepparton and she plans her award to build awareness about the community of hearing impaired Aboriginal Australians and the issues it faces.

Essendon footballer and young businessman, Nathan Lovett-Murray is following in the footsteps of his great grandfather, the legendary former governor of South Australia, Sir Douglas Nicholls.

Nathan plans using his award to further his goal of improving the quality of life of his people through respect for culture, adopting sound business principles in his work across music and performance including his Payback Records hip hop music endeavour and continuing his work as founder of Bunjil's Business an Aboriginal alcohol dependency program.

The Fellowship for Indigenous Leadership was started in 2003 and has so far sponsored two fellows and six emerging leaders.

The Fellowship is run by volunteers and funds are raised from business, philanthropy and government working together.